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call. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President, I do. Your Committee on Judiciary, chaired by Senator Brashear, reports LB 613 to General File; LB 269, General File with amendments; LB 298, General File with amendments; LB 316, General File with amendments; LB 438, General File with amendments; LB 495, General File with amendments; LB 732, General File with amendments. (Legislative Journal pages 1340-1342.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to this component of the committee amendments, Senator Chambers, FA1330. (Legislative Journal page 1342.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) And now we'll go to the next amendment, which I believe is Senator Chambers, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this morning it's the "Chambers in Lincoln" show. Last vote you gave for Lincoln. Now this amendment is also found on page 4 and would strike lines 15 through 21 from the existing law. This is not amendatory language. I would strike this from the law. It is subsection (g), as in go, and it says, "Seventh, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30, 2016," that's 15 years, "the State Treasurer shall place one million dollars each fiscal year in the City of the Primary Class Development Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to this subsection by such amount required to fulfill the one million dollars to be distributed pursuant to this subdivision." That last is a unique little proviso. If there's not enough money coming in from these cigarette taxes, I presume that is why this language is here, then the General...rather than put money into the General Fund, there will be a reduction of an amount sufficient to pay in this \$1 million to the City of the Primary Class Development Fund. Is everything on the table during our budget considerations? Absolutely and positively not. I am offering these amendments to give examples of things that are not on the table, things which have a higher priority than solving the budget crunch, the revenue shortfall, the gap,